Pet Stands Mournful Guard

Pet spaniel of family burned out at Beaver Creek near Alberni stands mournful guard over the charred wreckage of home. Left destitute were Mr. and Mrs. George Armstrong and two small children. Neighbors are aiding them with donations of clothing and furnishings and they have been given use of a small house, rent free. A benefit dance at Beaver Creek is planned and the Red Cross has also aided with donation of bedding.—(Margaret Trebett photo.)

Tofino-Alberni Road Finished by August

Nanaimo Pioneer Passes

NANAIMO — A Nanaimo pioneer, Mrs. Roseinda Bennett of 466 Kennedy Street, died Tuesday, the day after she received a B.C. centennial scroll at Nanaimo City Hall.

She had lived for the past 75 years in Nanaimo. Funeral will be held at 1.30 p.m., Friday, from Westwood chapel.

—(Marylon Photo)

DONALD H. McLAREN

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'Peter and the Wolf'

Blind Narrator To Tell Story

NANAIMO—A blind CNIB employee will act as narrator at the first performance of the Nanaimo Symphony Society's production of Tschaikowsky's "Peter and the Wolf," March 8.

The narration by Donald H. MacLaren, a CNIB public relations officer, is believed to be the first time a role of this kind has been undertaken by a sightless performer with any symphony in Canada or the U.S.

"' accepted because of two things," said Mr. MacLaren. "First, I looked upon it as a challenge. I've never imagined myself in this role before. Secondly, I've always been impressed by the Nanaimo symphony group, playing together because they want to and having fun doing it and yet working like dogs."

Mr. MacLaren, a ham radio operator, said he had never attempted such a role before.

Born in 1921, he became blind from glaucoma while in Grade 9 at school, but finished his high school education "with the help of fellow students who kept me posted."

After graduating from University of B.C. with a BA he helped the veterans' affairs branch and CNIB train war-blinded persons. He received his MA at Toronto University in 1949, then returned to Vancouver to do research on a reading machine and write for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Lifetime Dream Come True

TOFINO—Completion of the long-sought, long-fought-for Tofino to Port Alberni road linking this west coast community with other Vancouver Island centres is at last within reach.

Only 2½ miles remain to be built of the Tofino hookup with the MacMillan and Bloedel Ltd. road to Port Alberni from Kennedy Lake area and the job is due for completion by Aug. 1.

For residents of Tofino and Ucluelet, opening of the road will be the dream of a lifetime come true. Some of them have been urging its construction for 50 years.

Final realization of the road link is expected to set off a tourist influx to the west coast of the Island, step up logging and lumbering and perhaps open up a mining boom in the area.

MEN, MACHINERY

Several mining companies already have men and machinery in the area and more are expected this summer. Mineral resources are as yet untouched and residents here are hopeful explorations may lead to important discoveries.

But they are confidently expecting a marked increase of visitors to the area. Attractions include the already famous Kennedy Lake and Long Beach scenic spots.

The new Maquinna Hotel is due for completion this spring to add to the tourist accomodation.

A 3½-mile stretch of the link road already completed by A. E. MacEachern on the government section was inspected by Tofino village officials.

MOSS HONORED

LONDON (AP) — Stirling Moss, who finished second in the world auto racing drivers' championship last year, has been awarded the Sir Malcolm Campbell Memorial Trophy for 1958.

Fund Drives Questioned

Usefulness of the "Mothers' March" and the "TB seal" campaign at Christmas was questioned at a Sidney council meeting by village chairman Dr. C. H. Hemmings.

The money could be better used for research, he said.

"These drives with their great emotional appeal get more money than they know what to do with while others whose need is far greater get next to nothing," Dr. Hemmings claimed.

The "Mothers' March" originally "on polio," but now enlarged to provide for financing of services to other handicapped children collected an estimated $37,000 in a one-night blitz in Greater Victoria, last Saturday, organized by the Vic-Van Isle Kinsmen Club.

Dr. Hemmings said the present incidence of polio was "low" and referred to the fact Tranquille Sanatarium for Tuberculosis and two Victoria TB villas had been closed.

"That shows how few people there are now to spend this money on," he said. "The result is they have to look around for ways to get rid of it.

"I would rather see all this money channeled to some central agency which would know the over-all need and distribute funds accordingly.

"One of the greatest needs is in the field of basic research which is now carried on in small, poor laboratories.

"The electronic microscope is a good example of what I mean," he said. "It was discovered by basic researchers and while it has been used in polio research it was not developed specifically for that purpose."

Criticism of advertising agencies behind the "charity drives" was expressed by village commissioner J. E. Bosher.

"Behind these drives all over the continent is a big publicity organization that gets a percentage," he charged. "They must have a continuing series of drives to continue to get that percentage.

"I have no doubts about the validity of the local group, but I doubt if the national ones are as worthy," he said.

Mothers' March in the North Saanich-Sidney-Central Saanich area, Saturday, realized approximately $2,300, collectors reported.

Soroptimists of Victoria, who organized the Christmas seal campaign in the area, turned over a cheque for $21,000 to the B.C. fund.

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ELOUISE R. HARRISON
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Family Tradition

Granddaughter Called to Bar

The granddaughter of one of British Columbia's first judges and niece of veteran lawyer Claude Harrison, former mayor of Victoria, has been admitted to the bar in B.C.

Elouise Harrison, former student of St. Ann's Academy in Victoria, in becoming one of the province's growing list of women lawyers is following a tradition long established by male members of the well-known Harrison family of Vancouver Island.

She is the sixth of the family to become a member of the B.C. bar.

Her grandfather was Eli Harrison whose family came to B.C. in 1855 and to Vancouver Island in 1858. He served for many years in the early days of B.C.'s history as assize court judge, along with Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie and other pioneer judges.

Miss Harrison was presented to the court, after being called to the bar in Vancouver, in a gown once used by her grandfather when he was a barrister.

Her father is H. R. Harrison, Duncan lawyer and law writer.

Other members of the family admitted to the B.C. bar were Victor B. Harrison, ex-mayor of Nanaimo, and the late Judge P. P. Harrison.

Miss Harrison graduated from University of British Columbia and served as a law student with Greer and Hine law firm in Nanaimo.

Citizens' Groups Not Associated

Victoria Ratepayers' Association and the Victoria Ratepayers' Educational Association are not associated in any way.

Mrs. Evelyn MacKenzie, president of the VRA, dissociated her group yesterday from a meeting held Monday night by the VREA. Speaker J. Donald Smith attacked the $1,000,000 city parking bylaw.

Big Debt Parley Scheduled

NANAIMO—A joint meeting will be held shortly between city council and members of the Vancouver Island Exhibition Association, to find a solution for the $101,441 debt incurred by the board.

Retarded Youths Talk Topic

PORT ALBERNI — "What the Community Can Do for the Retarded Child Over the Age of 18" will be the subject of an address to be given by Mrs. W. Goepel, executive director of the Provincial Association for Retarded Children, at the annual meeting of the local association in Eighth Avenue school auditorium.

The meeting will take place at 8 p.m., Feb. 11. Financial report of the organization will be given and there will be an election of officers.

All interested persons will be welcomed at the meeting, president Howard McLean stated.

Sent to Essondale

RCMP Subdue Knife Wielder

A man armed with a knife who went beserk in the Nanaimo police office, recently, was committed to the provincial mental hospital at Essondaye, RCMP officials said last night.

Police said he fought a pitched battle with three RCMP officers after he stormed into the downtown Nanaimo station carrying a knife.

He suffered head injuries before he was finally subdued and disarmed.

A lone officer on duty at the time faced the armed intruder single handed until two fellow officers arrived and joined the battle.

Taken to Nanaimo General Hospital, knifeman was later brought to Victoria and then committed to the mental hospital.

Police said they believed he suffered head injuries in a car accident last year.

Ex-Lawyer Convicted

VANCOUVER (CP)—A disbarred Vancouver lawyer has been found guilty of raping a 29-year-old woman he was interviewing for a job.

John Jonas Justis, 36, was found guilty Tuesday by an all-male assize court jury after 2½ hours' deliberation. He was remanded for sentence.

A Danish immigrant woman testified she went to Justis' office for a job interview, had some drinks with him and blacked out. The attack allegedly followed.

Don't Know the Facts Say Fund Defenders

Sidney council members who criticized charity drives were dismissed last night as "people who don't know what they're talking about."

At Sidney council meeting last night, questions were raised by both village chairman Dr. C. H. Hemmings and Village Commissioner J. E. Bosher.

Mr. Bosher "is completely uninformed on the subject," said Lyall Atkinson, President of the B.C. Tuberculosis Society, by telephone from Vancouver.

"Nobody gets a percentage at all," he said. "Ours is a completely voluntary organization.

"It's true that hospital bed occupancy has gone down for TB, but with 681 new cases in B.C. in 1957, this is still a pretty serious disease."

Mr. Atkinson said a "great number" of people are being treated at home for TB and still need help.

"Unfortunately," he said, in reference to Dr. Hemmings, "all the MDs don't know everything.

Mr. Atkinson said "every so often someone makes this sort of statement and they just don't know all the facts."

Fred Martens, campaign chairman of the Vic-Van Isle Kinsmen's "Mother's March," said:

"These people forget that the rehabilitation of polio cases is a very lengthy, painstaking and expensive proposition.

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